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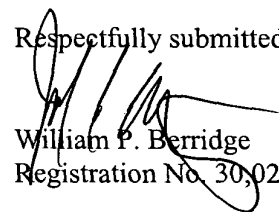
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- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 3. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. Reference 1 (U.S. 6,012,826 ) corresponds to reference 2 (FR 2 754 040).
- ☒ 5. Relevance of non-English language reference 2 is discussed in the present specification.

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